

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) In a computer system that is connectable to a number of network environments, each network environment being associated with one or more parameters, a method for selecting characteristics associated with the network environment the computer system is connected to, so as to reduce the configuration information that needs to be manually entered, comprising the following:

an act of connecting the computer system, which is configured with a first configuration, to a network environment from among the number of network environments;

an act of ~~receiving~~ accessing one or more network environment parameters, including at least one parameter indicative of current data transfer conditions within the network environment, ~~associated with the computer system that were provided by the~~ from the network environment subsequent to connecting to the network environment;

an act of combining the accessed one or more network environment parameters, including the at least one parameter indicative of the current data transfer conditions within the network environment, to generate an identifier;

an act of, based on the identifier, selecting characteristics specific to operating under the current data transfer conditions within the network environment that the computer system is ~~being connected to~~, the selected characteristics having been saved from a previous connection to the network environment; and

an act of utilizing the selected characteristics, which correspond specifically to the network environment that the computer system is ~~being~~-connected to, to automatically modify ~~a-the~~ configuration of the computer system from the first configuration to a new configuration to thereby configure the computer system for operating in the network environment under the current data transfer conditions within the network environment, and wherein ~~modifying the configuration of the computer system includes changing one or more country dependent software settings including one or more of a default language setting and a currency symbol setting.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the act of connecting the computer system to a network environment from among the number of network environments comprises the following:

act of connecting a mobile computer system to a network environment from among the number of network environments.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the act of connecting the computer system to a network environment from among the number of network environments comprises the following:

an act of connecting the computer system to a network environment from among a number of network environments.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 3, wherein the act of connecting the computer system to a network environment from among a number of network environments comprises the following:

an act of connecting the computer system to a network environment from among a number of network environments that are each associated with different operating environments.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the act of connecting the computer system to a network environment from among the number of network environments comprises the following:

an act of connecting the computer system to a docking station network environment from among a number of docking station network environments.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 5, wherein the act of connecting the computer system to a docking station network environment from among a number of docking station network environments comprises the following:

act of connecting the computer system to a docking station network environment from among a number of docking station network environments that are each associated with different operating environments.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the act of connecting the computer system to a network environment from among the number of network environments comprises the following:

connecting the computer system to a combined network environment.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the act of receiving one or more parameters associated with the computer system that were provided by the network environment comprises the following:

an act of receiving one or more parameters associated with the computer system that were provided by a network environment.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 8, wherein act of receiving one or more parameters associated with the computer system that were provided by a network environment comprises the following:

an act of receiving one or more parameters associated with communication techniques utilized by the network environment.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the act of receiving one or more parameters associated with communication techniques utilized by the network environment comprises the following:

an act of receiving a network address that was provided by the network environment.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the act of receiving one or more parameters associated with communication techniques utilized by the network environment comprises the following:

an act of receiving a subnet mask that was provided by the network environment.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the act of receiving one or more parameters associated with communication techniques utilized by the network environment comprises the following:

an act of receiving one or more parameters indicative of the network environment utilizing a proxy.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the network environment utilizes a virtual private network.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the act of receiving one or more parameters associated with the computer system that were provided by the network environment comprises the following:

an act of receiving one or more parameters associated with the computer system that were provided by a docking station network environment.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 14, wherein the act of receiving one or more parameters associated with the computer system that were provided by a docking station network environment comprises the following:

an act of receiving one or more parameters associated with peripherals that are attached to the docking station network environment.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the act of receiving one or more parameters associated with the computer system that were provided by the network environment comprises the following:

an act of receiving one or more parameters associated with the computer system that were provided by a first network environment and will be used to select characteristics associated with a second network environment.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the act of receiving one or more parameters associated with the computer system that were provided by the network environment comprises the following:

an act of receiving one or more parameters associated with the computer system that were provided by the computer system.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the act of receiving one or more parameters associated with the computer system that were provided by the network environment comprises the following:

an act of receiving one or more parameters from a combined network environment.

19. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the act of combining the one or more parameters to generate an identifier comprises the following:

an act of combining the one or more parameters that were provided by a network environment to generate an identifier.

20. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 19, wherein the act of combining the one or more parameters that were provided by a network environment to generate an identifier comprises the following:

an act of combining one or more parameters associated with communication techniques that are utilized by the network environment.

21. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 20, wherein the act of combining the one or more parameters associated with communication techniques that are utilized by the network environment comprises the following:

an act of performing a logical AND operation on a network address and a subnet mask to generate a subnet address that is representative of a network location.

22. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the act of, based on the identifier, selecting characteristics associated with the network environment the computer system is connected to comprises the following:

an act of selecting characteristics associated with the network environment the computer system is connected to that cause the computer system to utilize a proxy.

23. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the act of, based on the identifier, selecting characteristics associated with the network environment the computer system is connected to comprises the following:

an act of selecting characteristics associated with the network environment the computer system is connected to that cause the computer system to utilize a virtual private network.

24. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the act of, based on the identifier, selecting characteristics associated with the network environment the computer system is connected to comprises the following:

an act of selecting characteristics associated with a network location the computer system connected to.

25. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the act of, based on the identifier, selecting characteristics associated with the network environment the computer system is connected to comprises the following:

an act of selecting characteristics associated with a docking station the computer system connected to.

26. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the act of, based on the identifier, selecting characteristics associated with the network environment the computer system is connected to comprises the following:

an act of selecting characteristics associated with the network environment from a system registry.

27. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the act of, based on the identifier, selecting characteristics associated with the network environment the computer system is connected to comprises the following:

an act of selecting characteristics associated with the network environment by utilizing information that was manually entered by a user.

28. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the act of, based on the identifier, selecting characteristics associated with the network environment the computer system is connected to comprises the following:

an act of, based on the identifier, selecting characteristics associated with a combined network environment the computer system is connected to.

29-41. (Cancelled).

42. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for use in a computer system that is connectable to a number of network environment network environments, each network environment being associated with one or more parameters, the computer program product for implementing a method for selecting characteristics associated with the environment the computer system is connected to, so as to reduce the configuration information that needs to be manually entered, the computer program product comprising:

one or more computer-readable media carrying computer-executable instructions, that when executed at the computer system, cause the computer system to perform the following acts:

an act of connecting the computer system, which is configured with a first configuration, to a network environment from among the number of network environments;

an act of receiving one or more parameters associated with the computer system that were provided by the network environment;

an act of combining the one or more parameters to generate an identifier;

an act of, based on the identifier, selecting characteristics specific to the network environment that the computer system is being connected to; and

an act of utilizing the selected characteristics, which correspond specifically to the network environment that the computer system is being connected to, to modify a configuration of the computer system from the first configuration to a new configuration, and wherein modifying the configuration of the computer system includes automatically changing from a favorites list from one appropriate for use with a previously connected first network environment to a different favorites list one appropriate for use with the a different second network environment the computer system is being connected to.

43. (Original) The computer program product as recited claim 42, wherein the one or more computer-readable media are physical storage media.

44. (Original) The computer program product as recited claim 42, wherein the one or more computer-readable media include system memory.

45. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein modifying the configuration includes loading drivers with some peripherals and unloading drivers for other peripherals.

46. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein modifying the configuration includes ceasing a NIC connection and beginning a modem connection.

47. (Cancelled).

48. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the act of accessing one or more parameters, including at least one parameter indicative of current data transfer conditions within the network environment comprises an act of accessing one or more parameters including latency information for the network environment.

49. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the act of accessing one or more parameters, including at least one parameter indicative of current data transfer conditions within the network environment comprises an act of accessing one or more parameters including bandwidth information for the network environment.

50. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the one or more parameters include parameters associated with a keyboard.

51. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the one or more parameters include parameters associated with a monitor.

52. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the one or more parameters include parameters associated with a printer.

53. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the one or more parameters include parameters associated with a peripheral device.

54. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the one or more parameters include parameters associated with expansion card capabilities of a docking station.

55. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the one or more parameters include parameters associated with memory or mass storage capabilities of a docking station.

56. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the method further includes:

detecting a change in the network environment due to detecting from GPS data that the computer system has crossed an international border.

57-58. (Cancelled)

59. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 19, wherein the act of combining the accessed one or more parameters including at least parameter indicative of the current data transfer conditions of the network, to generate an identifier comprises the following:

an act of combining the accessed one or more parameters, including at least one of the latency of the network environment and the bandwidth availability in the network environment, to generate an identifier ~~by combining both addressing parameters and at least one other parameter selected from the following: a latency of the network environment, bandwidth availability in the network environment, and a connection type to the network environment.~~

60. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein modifying the configuration of the computer system further includes automatically changing from a favorites list from one appropriate for used with a previously connected first-network environment to a different favorites list one appropriate for use with the a different second-network environment the computer system is being connected to.

61. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein modifying the configuration of the computer system includes changing one or more country dependent software settings including a currency symbol setting.